

MASS READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way. "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth." The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts."

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: "See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?" I answered, "Here I am, send me."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137

Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

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| <p>1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.</p> | <p>3 All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
"How great is the glory of the Lord!"</p> |
| <p>2 I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered:
you increased the strength of my soul.</p> | <p>4 You stretch out your hand and save me
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.</p> |

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established, because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then *in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than give hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too, it was as though I was born when no one expected it.*

I am the least of the apostles, in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grave that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; *but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believe.*

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11


Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch." "Master," Simon replied "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets." And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch." Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Parish website information at: http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</p> <p style="font-size: small;">We are three Roman Catholic Parishes in the eastern half of the borough of North Tyneside, within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Our website gives an overview of our three parishes and seven churches, as well as mass times, and details of parish ministries and groups.</p>		
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5 th /6 th February 2022 - 5 th Sunday of the Year - C		
Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 5th February		5:30pm: Mass Maurice Black
Sunday 6th February 5th Sunday of the Year	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 31 st January	No Mass	
Tuesday 1 st February		9:30am: Mass: Neil Melvin
Wednesday 2 nd February	9:30am: Mass: Deceased Members of the Elsdon Family	
Thursday 3 rd February	No Mass	
Friday 4 th February		7:00pm: Mass: Prudential P Lumbaba
Saturday 5th February		5:30pm: Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 6th February 6th Sunday of the Year	11:00am: Mass: Neil Melvin Live streamed	

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields	
WhatsApp group:	text your name & number to 07752009361 to be added to StCuthStJosNshields Group
Facebook:	search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.
Website:	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk
Parish office:	0191 257 3408

Prayer List

Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time in Winter: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Combat it; the Unemployed.

We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Gary James, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Barbara & Tony Hicks 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jim Campbell, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Tony Cocalis, Mary Quinn and Ann Smiles

Please pray for John Smiles, Keith Burns and all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

First Holy Communions

This week-end we will have the first of our First Holy Communion Liturgies. It will be a Liturgy of enrolment Please pray for our candidates and their families

Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for John Smiles will be on Tuesday February 8th at 1:15pm at St Cuthbert's. May he rest in peace

Feedback from Pastoral Carers Group

The parish listeners are being approached by parishioners. Lou Laggan has kindly offered another session on 'stress busting'. The last session was very much appreciated by those who took part.

Date: 12th March Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm Location: Zoom

Join us for a morning of interactive learning to help you live a life with less stress. By the end of the Masterclass you will:

- Understand The Difference Between Good & Bad Stress
- Understand The Full Impact Of Stress
- Have Identified Your Main Causes of Stress
- Be Equipped With A Range Of Practical Strategies To Reduce & Manage Stress

Lou's events are always participative, fun and engaging; find out what others have thought of them here: <https://loulaggancoaching.co.uk/testimonials/>

Places are limited so booking is essential. Please contact Lou via email if you have any questions about the masterclass and to book your place. Lou@LouLagganCoaching.co.uk

Tyne and Wear Citizens

Tyne and Wear Citizens Accountability Assembly will be on Thursday March 17th 6-8pm at the Civic Centre, Newcastle. At this event we will be asking those who have the power to make changes on the following campaigns:

- Improving air quality on our streets
- Countering racism in the work place
- Fairer bus fares for young people
- Living Wage for Health and Care Workers
- Improving Mental Health Provision

We hope to fill the room of 600 seats which will put pressure on decision makers.

An evenbrite link will soon be made available. Please encourage people to come. A full room will make an impact and you will see

community organising in action and hopefully winning change! We hoped to have 60 from the parish present. Four people have already said they will be there, so just 56 to go!

Mass Intentions.

There has been an increased demand for Mass Intentions to be said. Please note that Masses given to be said will take about two months. Please keep this in mind if you have a particular anniversary you wish to remember. At the moment I need about two months notice.

Partnership and Diocesan Synod update

On Saturday 29th January, 22 people representing parishes in the partnership met and shared what they had heard as part of their listening. There were four priests, one deacon and 17 lay people. Our parish was represented by Tim O'Grady, Felicity Penny, Tony Wright Ian Pearson and myself A written report of the meeting has been drafted, inviting any further comments. Once this has been completed, the report will be available to the parish

The structure of the Synod Process in the diocese will be as follows:

On Saturday, February 12th, representatives from all the partnerships will gather with the Bishop, and together, they will reflect on the input and the process so far.

Following this meeting, the partnerships are asked to finalise their responses by February 22nd and to pass these to their respective Episcopal Area meetings.

The Lay Pastoral Forum, which includes representatives of all the Partnership and lay groups in the diocese will compile all the responses received into a submission to the Bishop in early March. The Bishop will then consider this, plus the responses from the Clergy, Caritas, and other Diocesan groups and produce his final submission by April 8th

At each stage, copies of the various submissions will be made available.

Monthly Prayer Vigil at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre

A monthly interfaith prayer vigil has been held outside the barrier to the Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre since August. During the last few weeks, women have been moved into the Centre which is now England's main IRC for women and will eventually detain 80 women who are seeking asylum. The prayer vigils will continue - both to pray for the women and to stand in solidarity with them. As a faith community, we are called to witness to justice and compassion. Please participate in the prayer vigil if you can. The next dates planned are Sunday 6th February, Sunday 6th March and Sunday 3rd April. The vigil begins at 3.00pm and the short prayer service incorporates a time of silence. The postcode for the centre on Corbridge Road, Medomsley is DH8 6QY. To avoid disruption to local residents, park away from the site if you can. If you are unable to join in person, please join in prayer from home at 3.00pm. For more information, contact Liz Archibald at lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

Lent. Narrating the Passion Story

As stated in my Christmas Sermon I was inspired by a set of essays written by members of the Anglican Communion who identify with the Catholic tradition. They asked how Sacrament and the Liturgy can be used as part of evangelism.

At the Proclaimers meeting last week we discussed the idea that at 12 noon on every Saturday in Lent we would narrate the Passion story outside. We would use the two crucifixes in the grounds as a focus for Christ's death and use a tent as a tomb. When it came to the burying of Christ, the Blessed Sacrament would be exposed from the tent, the reminder of the Passion narrative would be read out and we would finish with silence. For 3-4 weeks we would be at St Joseph's with the remainder at St Cuthbert's.

My idea is that we used the biblical texts-my preference is John's Gospel, but it is enacted with people reading out key roles such as Jesus, Peter, Mary and Pilate, with us moving across the grounds.

If you would like to get involved with this, please let me know. Anyone with a skill for drama would be especially appreciated. I am not asking the same people to make a commitment for seven Saturdays so we will need a pool of people

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese. Full-time, permanent
- Senior Administrator to manage and provide high quality administration support for the Department for Education.

Both positions are full-time and permanent. For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.dioceseh.n.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Citizens UK National Campaign

As stated at the end of last year, the new National Campaign for Citizens UK is to ensure that all Health and Social Care workers receive the National Living Wage which will be from April 1st outside London £9.90 an hour. If you would like to be involved in this campaign or you know of people for whom this is relevant please ask them to contact Fr Chris.

The Cedarwood Trust, North Shields – Appointment of new Trustees – Spring 2022

The Cedarwood Trust is dedicated to building social capital, creating education and economic opportunities, tackling poverty and food insecurity, and promoting and supporting the growth of families and individuals in the Meadow Well estate, North Shields and beyond. Building on the strengths of the people, we want to bring about positive change for the long term. We have a vibrant centre, a welcoming place for all to socialise, spend family time, and get support. It houses our Nurture Academy, Nurture Bistro, Food Membership Store and

Thriving Families. You can find out more about us here: www.cedarwoodtrust.com.

We are expanding our Board of Trustees with four new positions.

We are looking for two people who live in Meadow Well, North Shields. All you need is to share our values of "Nurture, Nourish and Thrive" for the people and place of Meadow Well, and a willingness to contribute to this responsible role.

We are also looking for two people with experience and expertise of strategy and management of organisations, in a commercial or other environment, who share our vision and values.

These are the people we need to help to govern the Trust, and to lead and develop our strategy.

For an informal chat, please contact our CEO Wayne Dobson at wayne.dobson@cedarwoodtrust.com. For more information and an Application Form, please contact louise@cedarwoodtrust.com. Closing date for applications: 7th February 2022.

Northern Cross

Paper copies of the Diocesan Newspaper are now available at the back of church. Cost is £1.50.

Northern Catholic Calendar

The Northern Catholic Calendar for 2022 is now available at the back of Church. Ring-bound £3.50 Flat £3.00.

Would you like someone to talk to?

A trained listener is available who can offer a confidential listening service to anyone who needs a listening ear. This could include issues such as loss, anxiety, loneliness or any other matters of concern. An initial phone call can be made with the option of meeting one to one or continuing on the telephone.

Please contact Fr Chris or email, leaving your name and contact details and a listener will get in touch.

'Being listened to and heard is one of the greatest desires of the human heart'

Rosary group

When two or three are gathered in my name..."All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom.

Day: Thursday - Time: 7:30pm

For more information contact Nestah Masiwa at: nehmasiwa@yahoo.com or Ruth Corless on 07752009361.